

In the claims:

1-18 (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A dual fishing rod holder for insertion into a handle receiver on a boat comprising:

a first tube having a first end and a second end, and a bend disposed between the first and the second ends, forming a first portion of said first tube on one side of the bend and a second portion of the first tube on the opposite side of the bend, the bend forming an obtuse angle between the first and second portions with the first portion oriented above the second portion, each of the first and second portions having an interior end adjacent to the bend and a terminal end opposite the interior end;

a strap secured to the terminal end of the first portion of the first tube;

two clips secured to the strap, each clip for engaging a reel eye of a first fishing reel to support a first fishing rod secured to the first fishing reel in a generally horizontal orientation relative to the boat;

a second tube for engaging a handle of a second fishing rod and supporting a second fishing rod above the first fishing rod relative to the boat when both a first and a second fishing rods are supported by the dual fishing rod holder, the second tube attached to the second portion of the first tube via a support directly connected between the second tube and the second portion of the first tube,

the support oriented perpendicular to the second tube and the second portion of the first tube, the second tube extending above and parallel with the second portion of the first tube.

20. (previously presented) The dual fishing rod holder of claim 19 wherein the strap is a cord.

21. (previously presented) The dual fishing rod holder of claim 19 further comprising:

two straps secured to the terminal end of the first portion of the first tube;

two clips, each clip secured to one of the two straps, each clip for engaging a reel eye of a first fishing reel to support a first fishing rod secured to the first fishing reel in a generally horizontal orientation relative to the boat;

22. (previously presented) The dual fishing rod holder of claim 21 wherein each strap is a cord.

23. (previously presented) A dual fishing rod holder adapted to be inserted into a handle receiver on a boat comprising:

a first tube having a first end and a second end, and a bend disposed between said first and second ends, forming a first portion of said first tube on one side of the bend and a second portion of the first tube on the opposite side of the bend, the bend forming an obtuse angle between said first and second portions so that said first portion being disposed above said second portion, each of said first and second portions having proximal

ends disposed adjacent to said bend and distal ends disposed opposite said proximal ends;

a second tube attached to the second portion of the first tube via a support directly connected between said second tube and said second portion of said first tube, said support positioned perpendicular to said second tube and said second portion of said first tube, said second tube extending above and being parallel with said second portion of said first tube;

first and second straps attached directly to holes in the distal end of said first portion of said first tube, each of said straps extending downward from said first portion of said first tube, and each strap having a clip disposed thereon, each clip being adapted to engage a reel of a fishing rod;

wherein said first tube is adapted to hold a first fishing rod in a hanging configuration via said clips of said straps engaging a reel of said first rod, with said first rod being held in a generally horizontal position with respect to said boat; and

wherein said second tube is adapted to hold a second fishing rod by holding a handle portion of said second rod inside said second tube in a generally vertical configuration with respect to said boat, so that said second rod extends above said first rod when both said first and second rods are supported by said fishing rod holder.

24. (previously presented) A dual fishing rod holder for insertion into a handle receiver on a boat comprising:

a first tube having a first end and a second end, and a bend disposed between the first and the second ends, forming a first portion of said first tube on one side of the bend and a second portion of the first tube on the opposite side of the bend, the bend forming an obtuse angle between the first and second portions with the first portion oriented above the second portion, each of the first and second portions having an interior end adjacent to the bend and a terminal end opposite the interior end, the terminal end of the first portion of the first tube including one or more holes for supporting a fishing reel;

a strap secured to the one or more holes of the first portion of the first tube;

two clips secured to the strap, each clip for engaging a reel eye of a first fishing reel to support a first fishing rod secured to the first fishing reel in a generally horizontal orientation relative to the boat;

a second tube for engaging a handle of a second fishing rod and supporting a second fishing rod above the first fishing rod relative to the boat when both a first and a second fishing rods are supported by the dual fishing rod holder, the second tube attached to the second portion of the first tube via a support directly connected between the second tube and the second portion of the first tube, the support oriented perpendicular to the second tube and the second portion of the first tube, the second tube

extending above and parallel with the second portion of the first tube.

25. (previously presented) The dual fishing rod holder of claim 24 wherein the strap is a cord.

26. (previously presented) The dual fishing rod holder of claim 24 further comprising:

two straps secured to the one or more holes of the first portion of the first tube;

two clips, each clip secured to one of the two straps, each clip for engaging a reel eye of a first fishing reel to support a first fishing rod secured to the first fishing reel in a generally horizontal orientation relative to the boat;

27. (previously presented) The dual fishing rod holder of claim 26 wherein each strap is a cord.